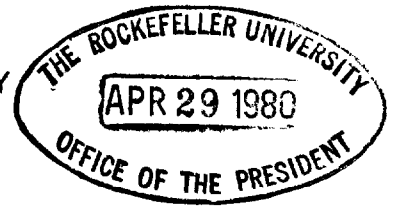


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Dr. Joshua Lederberg, President  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Recently the sponsors of the Exxon Donor Solvent Coal Liquefaction Project dedicated the 250 ton per day Exxon Coal Liquefaction Pilot Plant that will be a major element in completing the integrated research and development project.

Efforts are now fully underway to bring the plant onstream early this spring. Over the next two and a half years, it will demonstrate essential elements of the EDS process on a large scale, under sustained conditions and on a variety of different coals. Together with continuing research and engineering work, operations of this pilot plant are expected to provide data that would be the basis for designing future commercial coal liquefaction plants.

We at ER&E are proud of our role in this important project, involving government-industry participation on an international level. To mark the occasion, we have produced two booklets. One deals with the significant aspects of the project. The second contains remarks made at the dedication by some of the major participants. In addition, we have enclosed some recent ER&E technical publications on EDS.

We hope that you will find them of interest.

Sincerely,

*Ed David*

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